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1. GENERAL

NVA GENERALLY REFRAINED FROM MAJOR MILITARY ACTIVITY DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. HOWEVER, FIGHTING EDGED CLOSER TO SAIGON AS A COMMUNIST FORCE SEIZED THE BRIDGE OVER THE SAIGON RIVER AT NEWPORT. THE USAID WAREHOUSE NEAR THE RIVER WAS HIT BY FIRE AND IS ABLAZE. HWY 4 TO THE DELTA REMAINED CLOSED BECAUSE OF FIGHTING IN THE VICINITY OF TAN AN, LONG AN. VUNG TAU IS NOW COMPLETELY ISOLATED FROM SAIGON. SAIGON WAS HIT WITH 4 ROCKETS DURING THE NIGHT.

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2. MR-III

NVA FORCES HAVE CONTROL OF PHUOC TUY PROVINCE EXCEPT FOR VUNG TAU WHICH IS ISOLATED. ELEMENTS OF THE ARVN 1ST AIRBORNE BRIGARDE, MARINES AND 3RD DIV ARE IN VUNG TAU.

IN LONG AN, HWY 4 REMAINS CUT IN THE VICINTIY OF TAN AN. ARVN IS TRYING TO CLEAR THE BLOCK BUT TRAFFIC IS BACKED UP.

CU CHI, BASE CAMP FOR THE 25TH ARVN DIV RECEIVED 150 ROUNDS OF MIXED ROCKET AND MORTAR FIRE. A POL STARAGE AREA WAS DESTROYED AS WERE SEVERAL TRUCKS. 12 WERE WOUNDED.

BIEN HOA AIRBASE WAS HIT WITH 40 ROUNDS OF ROCKETS WHILE SAIGON RECEIVED 4 ROCKETS. TWO FELL IN THE RIVER, ONE IN THE NAVY YARD AND ANOTHER IN THE NINTH PRECINCT. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE. THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTION IN MR-III OCCURRED NEAR SAIGON. EARLY IN THE MORNING OF APRIL 28 AN UNKNOWN SIZE COMMUNIST FORCE OVERPOWERED TERRITORIAL GUAND POST ON THE HIEN HOA HWY ABOUT 4 KMS FROM NEWPORT. ROCKETS WERE FIRED INTO THE USAID WAREHOUSE NEARBY AND IT WAS SET ABLAZE. BY LATE MIDDAY, THE COMMUNIST UNIT HAD SEIZED THE BRIDGE AT NEWPORT AND HAD NOT BEEN DISLODGED.

3. MR-IV

ACTIVITY IN THE DELTA CONTINUED AT A MODERATE LEVEL. THE ONLY AREA OF CONCENTRATED ACTIVITY OCCURRED IN DINH TUONG. MR-IV COMMANDER NAM HAS EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT HE CAN KEEP ROUTE 4 OPEN TO THE LONG AN BORDER.

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